

EIMS and SIF News – March 23, 2006

STUDENT ADD FUNCTIONALITY EXPANDED

Currently, the new Student Add function does not allow a user to enter “quad-8” students to be added to obtain STIs. In the next release, due March 31st, Serving Division and Serving School entry will be available and the students can be designated into the proper placement code for quad-8 students.

CALL FOR EIMS USER ACCEPTANCE TESTERS

Speaking of EIMS upgrades: I’m looking for three divisions to participate in user acceptance testing of the new EIMS features. The test will take place Friday, March 31st at 9:00am beginning with a conference call. (Normally, I would include testimonials here from past testers, but their accolades and thanks would run too many pages.) Please send me a note if you are interested at peter.coleman@doe.virginia.gov

SOL DATA DISAGGREGATOR

The SOL data Disaggregator Excel templates are no longer supported and will not be updated for 2005-2006 preliminary SOL data. Data disaggregation functionality is available in EIMS and there are three EIMS Preliminary SOL report tutorials available at: <https://vadoe.webex.com/vadoe/mywebex/default.php?Rnd9217=0.19804940909363255> These should assist you in navigating and creating useful reports. Click on *Recorded Sessions* and scroll down to the appropriate session. These are web-based tutorials available 24/7 that do not require a password.

EIMS PORTAL

You may have noticed there are one fairly significant change and one not so obvious change to the EIMS portal page. If you are the first person who identifies both changes I will send you a VA lottery ticket. I will reveal the changes and winner in the next EIMS news update.

SIF IMPLEMENTATION

The implementations are fairly smoothly. There are 13 operational SIF sites and several more are in progress. The divisions express their satisfaction with SIF and several want to upgrade to a full user license and add other applications in an effort to get out of the data exchange and duplicate entry business.